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Centerville Council approves rezoning request

*Any new development would be primarily residential
No multi-story apartment buildings or strip malls will be permitted*

At the July Centerville City Council meeting Council members voted 5-2 in favor of rezoning 64 acres north of Social Row Road, west of Sheehan Road and east of Paragon Road. Before the vote was taken, Council listened to more than three hours of presentations from city staff, and testimony from citizens and a representative for the developer. According to Mayor Mark Kingseed, this was one of the more difficult decisions the Council has had to make in recent years.

During the meeting, citizens expressed concern that the new development would have a negative impact on their neighborhoods and home values. However, Mayor Kingseed pledged to residents that any development plan, once submitted, would be thoroughly reviewed, and that Council would take all necessary measures to ensure any development on the 64-acre site would complement the surrounding neighborhoods.

In addition, to reassure residents and clarify information, following the decision, residents of Yankee Trace and Rose Estates, the Centerville neighborhoods near the rezoned area, received a letter from Mayor Kingseed and City Manager Greg Horn. The letter outlined Council's commitment that any new development would be of the highest quality, fit in visually with the surrounding community and add to the lifestyle and value of the neighborhoods. Kingseed said the property will be predominately residential and any non-residential area would be heavily landscaped, visually appealing and unobtrusive in size and scope.

The letter further stated that Council would not allow strip malls, large retail establishments, multi-story apartment complexes or any other construction that would detract from the general look and feel of the surrounding area to be built. "Centerville development rules give your city government great flexibility," he wrote.

The rezoning calls for the southern area's 25 acres to be developed as O-PD, Office Planned Development, with a NC, Neighborhood Center Overlay Zone classification, and the northern area's 38 acres to be

developed as R-PD, Residential Planned Development, with a NR Neighborhood Residential Overlay Zone classification.

Centerville Development Group is expected to file a development plan for the rezoned land in the next few months. During the July hearing, the developer's representative assured Council that the new plan would reduce the number of potential neighborhood businesses in the original plan by 50 percent, locate any businesses toward the intersection of Sheehan and Social Row roads and would not include a multi-story apartment building.

Council affirmed the 5-1 decision made in May by Centerville's Planning Commission in support of the rezoning proposal.

More information will be available on the City's website centervilleohio.gov.

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**THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE
PROUDLY SALUTES
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE
PROTECTED AND SERVED.**

City offers competitive waste collection rates and services

By Mike Spafford

The City of Centerville offers a comprehensive refuse collection program, including weekly pickup of curbside trash, yard waste and unlimited recycling. In addition, Centerville residents may drop off yard debris too large to fit into the city-provided container—at no charge—8 a.m.–4 p.m., every Wednesday, and 9 a.m.–noon, the third Saturday of each month, at the Public Works Center, 7970 S. Suburban Drive.

When surveyed in 2004, Centerville residents overwhelmingly supported that the City maintain waste collection service rather than contract to a third party provider. Centerville continues to provide quality service at a very competitive price. A recent comparison check in mid-August of the three area waste collection providers serving Washington Township shows dramatically different fees, special charges and fluctuating rates. Some providers charge for toters, recycling, administration, and add fuel and/or environmental charges. Centerville's program remains simple and consistent with no gimmicks, hidden fees or confusing terms. Our waste collection rate has been the same since 2006.

A list of Centerville Waste Collection services is available at centervilleohio.gov, under the Public Works section.

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| LOCALITY | PROVIDER | ANNUAL RATE |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| CENTERVILLE | CITY OF CENTERVILLE | \$216 |
| WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP | WASTE MANAGEMENT | \$428 |
| | ALLIED WASTE SERVICES | \$198 |
| | RUMPKE | \$229 |

*All services include waste collection, toter and recycling pickup. Standard service fees as noted, does not include special promotions or introductory prices.

City residents receive maximum value for their dollars

Centerville has lowest tax rate in area

Uncertain economic times force all of us to take a second or even third look at our finances and how we spend our money. Centerville residents can be assured that their Council is looking out for their best interests—just as it has been for more than 40 years.

In a recent survey of south suburban cities, Centerville not only had the lowest income tax rate at 1.75%, but the annual budget also allows for sidewalk, curb, gutter, and street lighting to be upgraded and improved at no additional cost to the property owner.

As many communities increase income tax rates, Centerville's rate remains at 1.75%, the same level which became effective in 1981, upon voter approval. Centerville also provides a

| LOCALITY | INCOME TAX RATE | VOTED PROPERTY TAX RATE IN MILLS | STORMWATER UTILITY | SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT | CURB/GUTTER ASSESSMENT | STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| OAKWOOD | 2.50% | 6.30 | NO | YES | NO | YES |
| KETTERING | 2.25% | 6.79 | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| MIAMISBURG | 2.25% | 7.03 | NO | YES | YES | NO |
| MORaine | 2.00% | 2.50 | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| W. CARROLLTON | 2.00% | 6.25 | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| CENTERVILLE | 1.75% | 2.35 | NO | NO | NO | NO |



▲ 185 Bethel Rd. ► 278 Joy Elizabeth Dr.

Keeping the City pretty

Centerville residents and business owners take pride in their community and homes. Keeping lawns lush and flowers healthy was especially challenging given the unusually hot and dry conditions. Congratulations to this summer's City Beautiful landscape award winners:

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| JUNE | Barb Sullivan 6944 Crossbrook Drive | Dave and Jen Klosterman 285 Cherry Drive |
| | David and Judy Hetzer 760 Kentshire Drive | David and Lavonne Warner 121 Marsha Jeanne Way |
| | Bill Danley 1360 Scenic View Court | Timothy and Dawn Jackson 910 Vintage Lake Court |
| | Vickie Miller 62 Coachman Drive | Business Pride Winner: Un-Hinged Ltd. |
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| JULY | Jeff and Julie Miller 6550 Hollowview Trail | Mary Buchanan 117 East Franklin Street |
| | Dennis and Jean Webb 250 Glenburn Drive | Sue Ann Haberstro 278 Joy Elizabeth Drive |
| | Darian McMann 1785 Valley Brook Place | Dennis and Jill Riesley 805 Vintage Green Way |
| | Carol and Ron Keen 185 Bethel Road | Business Pride Winner: MacDiggers Pub |
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| AUGUST | Ryan and Jennifer Higgins 6881 Penridge Drive | Ted and Jan Frederick 430 Island Lake Court |
| | Dick and Adrienne Shane 5677 Stone Lake Drive | Terry and Diane Torbeck 1221 Club View Drive |
| | Kenny and Linda Franzman 7580 Pelway Drive | Barbara Idding 77 Lucas Drive |
| | Jeff and Kay Gerspacher 520 Sunnyclyff Place | Business Pride Winner: Dr. Vannah Nantz, DDS |
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100% credit to any residents who pay 1.75% or greater to other communities where they work.

Centerville offers low taxes, quality services and outstanding fiscal management; in short, residents are getting a lot of bang for their buck.

For more information visit centervilleohio.gov, Quick Links, Financial Report/Summary.

Volunteer keeps giving back to community

The words on Centerville's City seal aptly describe Bob Perkins: Progress and Stability. Bob's volunteer efforts and commitment to his community have helped shape and maintain the look of downtown Centerville.



Bob and Betty Ann Perkins

Married for 67 years to Betty Ann, the couple lives in the same home they purchased in 1950 on West Ridgeway Road. Parents of seven children, they have seven living grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with two more expected to join the family soon.

Originally from Cincinnati, Bob earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Dayton. Between serving in the army during WWII and the Korean War, he completed an MBA, also at UD. After working for nearly 65 years (64 years, ten months to be exact), much of that time in sales, Bob recently retired from Howden NA—Industrial Division, American Standard.

He started volunteering for Centerville in 1978 after being approached by then Mayor Vic Green to serve on the Board of Architectural Review (BAR), for the Architectural Preservation District (APD). The five members were charged with forming guidelines for color, building materials, property maintenance, and design for downtown. The board researched several other cities' regulations and talked with owners of historical homes to create Centerville APD policies. Bob served as BAR chair for two years.

The success of the BAR led to the creation of the Property Review

Commission in 1984, utilizing some APD policies for home and business maintenance throughout Centerville. "It's important to ensure that houses are safe, attractive and livable," says Bob. He, along with Dan Carfagno, Jack Lohbeck and Jim Wasson were original Property Review Commission members and all remain on the board today.

Bob and Betty Ann remember their early days in Centerville with warmth. "When we first moved here, our neighbor down the road had cows. We'd hear those cows mooing every night," Bob recalls. At the time, there was only one fire station, located at the backend of Town Hall. "Louis Campbell, the fire chief, lived upstairs at Town Hall," says Bob. "He would sound a siren to alert the volunteers, write the address of the fire on a big white board so the volunteers knew where to go, and head out to the fire."

Over their 62 years in the community, the Perkinses watched Centerville grow from a village to a city, and enjoyed every minute of it. "Living so close, I've always loved downtown," says Bob. Betty Ann says the area has been perfect for them because it's a "little bit of country privacy located just off a main road."

Volunteering is part of Bob's nature. Over the years he's volunteered as a coach for baseball, basketball and football, given time to St. Vincent's Food Bank, served on Alter High School's athletic board and contributed countless hours to Incarnation School and Church. He's also been a valuable volunteer for his city. He and Betty Ann were recognized for their efforts in 2002, as recipients of the Mayor's Award for Community Service. Among her many volunteer activities, Betty Ann served for several years on the historical commission and then the historical society.

Bob and Betty Ann will celebrate their 90th birthdays in 2012. "I've been well-blessed with good health," says Bob. "Volunteering is my way to share. It's good for the soul."

Centerville continues green initiatives City working to reduce ecological footprint

Centerville, recently named as one of the first Dayton Regional Green 3 members, continues to be a local leader in energy conservation.

Centerville's Municipal Building and its community gathering place, Benham's Grove, were two of just 40 Montgomery County businesses and government buildings recognized for promoting sustainability by the Dayton Regional Green 3 (DRG3), a Montgomery County Task Force. Following an audit of both facilities, Centerville received certification as a "green business" for its energy conservation efforts. Centerville's three other facilities,

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Public Works Center and Police Building are all currently in the evaluation process. "Our goal is to have all five of our facilities certified as DRG3 members," said Kristen Gopman, assistant to the city manager.

To further reduce costs and increase energy efficiency, Centerville took part in the DP&L Energy Audit and received a comprehensive energy analysis for the Municipal Building and Benham's Grove. Over the summer, standard lights were replaced with energy efficient bulbs. Other improvements for both facilities include upgrades for thermostats,

heating and insulation. Built to be energy-efficient facilities, the Public Works Center and Police Building already utilize green efforts for heating and lighting. All five City facilities recycle paper and other items, and use environment-friendly products.

Centerville continues to cut costs and lessen its footprint by encouraging waste collection customers to increase recycling efforts. Waste collection customers may place unlimited recyclables at the curb each week, and recycling containers are available at Stubbs Park and Benham's Grove.

Plans are in the works for a public use electric vehicle charging station to be located near Main and Franklin streets, and should be operational by November. Electric vehicle users will pay

\$1.50 to \$1.75 per hour for the service. A second station is being planned for the southern part of the business community, near Spring Valley Road. The goal is not for the stations to be revenue producers, but to cover costs and maintenance. The City was awarded a matching grant from the US Department of Transportation through Clean Fuels Ohio. The total cost of the stations is about \$10,000 with the grant providing up to \$7,500.

"We are proud of our efforts in increasing energy efficiency and saving taxpayer dollars," said Greg Horn, Centerville City Manager. "We will continue to take advantage of every opportunity available to reduce costs, offer better services and improve energy usage."

City responds to legal action of Dille property developer

Centerville negotiated in good faith, rejected developer's demands for millions of dollars of public financing

The City of Centerville is named as the defendant in a lawsuit brought forward by Cornerstone Developers, Ltd., part owner and new developer of the former Dille property. The developer has requested detachment from the City.

According to Centerville City Manager Greg Horn, the City had been negotiating with George Oberer, Jr., representative for Cornerstone Developers, Ltd., for over a year. Horn said Oberer requested Centerville commit millions of dollars of public financing for the project and that the City assume legal liability for repayment of funds if the development failed to meet its debt obligations. Horn called the demands unrealistic and said City Council refused to expose the Centerville taxpayers to such a high risk. "We have seen far too many public investments supporting risky private enterprise fail."

Horn acknowledged that private funding of development projects has become increasingly difficult and said Oberer turned to the City for assistance after failing to persuade private investors to finance the project. "We realize in any negotiation process there will be a certain amount of give and take, but the end result must be fair," Horn said, calling Oberer's demands too risky for a local government. "Council refuses to subject our citizens to possible decreases in police protection, decline of public infrastructure, or interruptions in road services to risk having to pay the debt on a large-scale private shopping center and multi-family apartment development for the overall benefit of the developer."

The City is committed to the successful and responsible development of the Dille property, said Centerville Mayor Mark Kingseed, however, "No responsible government would agree to the terms the developer is demanding." Kingseed further commented that the City had negotiated in good faith throughout the process, and that Centerville must serve the overall long-term interests of its citizens. "In this case, that means rejecting the developer's demands and vigorously opposing what is, essentially, an effort to force the City to accept excessive financial risk," he said.

The Dille entities, their then developer, and others petitioned in 2006 to annex to the City of Centerville in order to enhance their properties' development. The annexation was 100% owner-petitioned. The development has been subsequently delayed by Sugarcreek Township lawsuits.

Horn said the City has invested substantial financial resources in addition to significant staff and consulting time toward the development of the property. Calling it a strategic future development site, Horn said, "Our sole goal remains to ensure that the property is developed in a quality manner with proper land use and transportation planning so that it becomes an asset for the entire area."

Leaf collection to begin soon

Services offered Oct. 8–Dec. 3

The City's leaf collection service starts October 8 when Public Works crews begin picking up leaves that residents have raked to the curb. The City is divided into seven collection areas and leaves are scheduled to be collected four times from each area.

This program is provided to all residents who live adjacent to a public roadway within Centerville and is a separate service from waste collection. Funding for the leaf collection program comes from the Public Works Streets' Operating Budget.

Leaves are transported to one of several private vendors where they are turned into compost material, which is natural recycling. Crews will be out in full force during leaf pickup along with three refuse trucks with leaf loaders and two vac trucks with leaf boxes.

See page 5 for the collection schedule and map.

Residents should use the following guidelines:

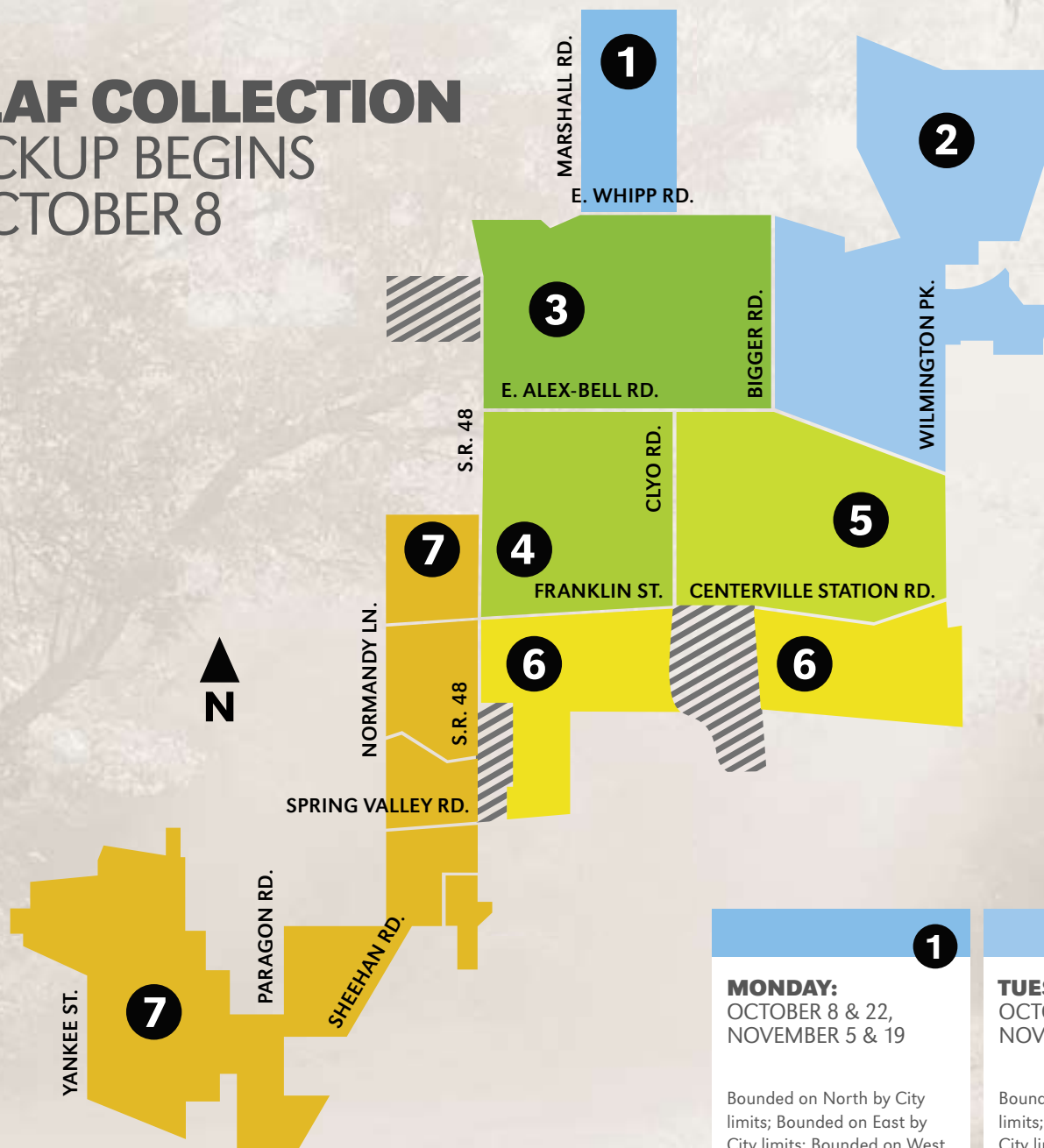
- Don't bag leaves. Bags won't be picked up by the leaf collection crews. Bagged leaves will only be collected as a special pickup and charged accordingly.
- Don't rake ANYTHING except leaves to the curb for pickup. Branches, sticks, grass, and other yard waste clog machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected.
- Rake leaves into a row at the curb or edge of pavement, not into the street where they block traffic and storm water flow. Leaves are not collected from private streets or other non-public areas.
- Rake leaves to the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled—check the map. Depending on weather, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may be as much as two days early or two days late.
- All areas are serviced FOUR times. Every effort will be made to come back and collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.
- Leaves raked for collection after the last scheduled day will be collected from the curb areas only on a special pickup basis and charged accordingly.
- Children should NEVER play in piles of leaves raked along the roadway. Crews can't see your child—and neither can motorists.

Call the Public Works Center, 428-4782, or write publicworks@centervilleohio.gov for more information.

LEAF COLLECTION

PICKUP BEGINS

OCTOBER 8



THURSDAY, OCT. 18; NOVEMBER 1 & 15
Pickup missed areas and make schedule adjustments

 PRIVATE DRIVE
NO COLLECTION

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MONDAY:
OCTOBER 8 & 22,
NOVEMBER 5 & 19

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Marshall Rd.; Bounded on South by Whipp Rd.

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TUESDAY:
OCTOBER 9 & 23,
NOVEMBER 6 & 20

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by City limits and Bigger Rd.; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

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WEDNESDAY:
OCT. 10 & 24, NOV. 7
MONDAY:
NOVEMBER 26

Bounded on North by Whipp Rd. and Hewitt Ave.; Bounded on East by Bigger Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Alex-Bell Rd.

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THURSDAY:
OCT. 11 & 25, NOV. 8
TUESDAY:
NOVEMBER 27

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by Clyo Rd.; Bounded on West by S.R. 48; Bounded on South by Franklin St.

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MONDAY:
OCT. 15 & 29, NOV. 12
WEDNESDAY:
NOVEMBER 28

Bounded on North by Alex-Bell Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Clyo Rd.; Bounded on South by Centerville Station Rd.

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TUESDAY:
OCT. 16 & 30, NOV. 13
THURSDAY:
NOVEMBER 29

Bounded on North by E. Franklin St. and Centerville Station Rd.; Bounded on East by City limits; Bounded on West by Main St.; Bounded on South by Spring Valley Rd. and City limits.

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WEDNESDAY:
OCT. 17 & 31, NOV. 14
MONDAY:
DECEMBER 3

Bounded on North by City limits; Bounded on East by Main St.; Bounded on West by City limits; Bounded on South by Sheehan Rd. and City limits; Yankee Trace residential areas.

Foundation to honor community builders

Adam and Bootie Zengel, Centerville High School sweethearts, class of 1956, will be recognized by the Centerville-Washington Foundation as Community Founders at an October 10 reception at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. The Community Founders award recognizes outstanding service to Centerville and Washington Township.



Adam and Bootie Zengel

Before retiring in 2002, Adam was a principal in the 60-year-old Zengel Construction, a family corporation that has built 1,000 homes in the community. Bootie, a Registered Nurse who also retired in 2002, gives time to the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society, Womanline and helps plant and maintain gardens throughout the community.

Adam's volunteer work includes renovating the historical society's Nutt Cottage and making storm windows for each of the society's three buildings. He also volunteers at the Air Force Museum where he's restoring the Memphis Belle, the historic B-17 Flying Fortress of World War II, and at St. Vincent's Hotel, where among other duties, he teaches carpentry. According to Bob Yeck, Foundation president, "Their record of community service is among the very best."

The Founders Event is a fundraiser sponsored by the Centerville-Washington Foundation, a community foundation that supports city-township non-profit agencies. Its grant programs have helped children, seniors, and at-risk populations, as well as provided support to local arts and humanities, conservation and environment, education, health and social service organizations. For more information, contact Bob Daley, 433-0811, or visit centervillewashingtonfoundation.org.

Welcome to these businesses new to Centerville:

JTH Photography

69 B South Main St.

All About Kids

1300 West Social Row Road

Roxy's Cupcakes

65 B West Franklin St.

Millay & Co.

1087 South Main St.

Jeff Bohlman & Associates

7976 #A, Clio Road



Start untangling your Christmas lights! The City Beautiful Commission sponsors a Holiday Lighting contest to recognize those homes showcasing spectacular lighting, display and other festive decorations that enhance the property. Judging is December 1-12. To nominate a display, call 433-7151.



Annual events set to kick off holiday season

HOLIDAY WALK, TREE LIGHTING SET FOR NOV. 18

Let the holidays begin! Downtown Centerville welcomes the season with the Hometown Holiday Walk, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, November 18, sponsored by the Heart of Centerville merchants and the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society. Learn more about your community's rich history by taking part in a Walk Through Time Adventure—and win prizes valued at more than \$1,000.

As visitors meet historical figures from Centerville's past, eight designated businesses will stamp a Walk Through Time Adventure Card.

Completed cards will be entered into a prize drawing. Other events include children's activities, animal attractions, horse and carriage rides, visits

with Santa, shopping, special discounts, choral performances, food and more. The RTA trolley will offer travel from the four corners of downtown. Hop aboard to get to your next destination and sing some Christmas carols.

Centerville's Tree Lighting Ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m., at Benham's Grove, 166 N. Main Street. Enjoy the sounds of the season with musical entertainment from the Normandy Elementary School Chorus and the Centerville Community Band along with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Both of these community events are free. For more information, call the historical society, 291-2223, City of Centerville, 433-7151, or visit heartofcenterville.com, centervilleohio.gov or respective Facebook pages.



Local scholarship winners announced

Area students recognized for academics, community service

The Dayton Foundation announced the winners of the 2012 Kalamian scholarships. Since 1998, the John P. Kalamian Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded \$173,000 to 38 students. The fund, established in memory of Centerville Police Officer John Kalamian, provides annual scholarships to Centerville and Washington Township students considering careers in criminal justice, law, political science, psychology, forensic psychology or social work. A separate scholarship is available for members of the Centerville Police Department and their families.

Winners of the Centerville/Washington Township resident scholarships are Centerville High School graduates Megan Hurd and Erika Hayes. Megan will major in political science and Spanish at The Ohio State University. Erika will attend Sinclair Community College to study early childhood education.

Brianna Laufo received the Centerville Police Department and Families scholarship. Brianna, a student at Ohio University majoring in Middle School Math and Science Education, is the daughter of Police Officer Faupo Laufo.

For application information, contact the Dayton Foundation, 225-9955 or daytonfoundation.org.

Americana Festival scholarships recognize students for academic excellence and commitment to their community. Scholarship recipients are chosen in three divisions.

2012 Americana Festival Scholarship Recipients

College Division: \$1,600: Sarah Crist, University of Cincinnati

High School Division: \$1,600: Katherine Stemmer, Centerville High School (CHS)
\$1,000: Shirin Dey, CHS \$ 800: Carole Falugi, CHS
Joe Bowlus Community Service Award: \$800 Luke Miller, Alter High School

Middle School Division: One winner each from sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Each recipient received a \$600 scholarship.
Sixth Grade: Matt Weisman, Incarnation School; Seventh Grade: Alexa Fillingim, Magsig Middle School; Eighth Grade: Sarah Ziegman, Incarnation School

For more information visit americanafestival.org.



Megan Hurd



Erika Hayes



Brianna Laufo

Dewey's Pizza on hold

Township trustees' cooperation needed

Construction for Dewey's Pizza, a new business to be located in downtown Centerville, has been delayed for several months, as the owners work to resolve a plan development issue with Washington Township. The restaurant is scheduled to be built on N. Main Street, directly north of Town Hall (a township owned and maintained facility). Along with the new restaurant, the design calls for additional public parking and an outdoor community plaza. The City's Planning and Engineering staffs worked with Washington Township on the plan that connected the parking area behind Town Hall to a proposed parking lot and access drives for Dewey's Pizza.

A concept plan prepared by Dewey's Pizza proposes the acquisition of parking easements, clearing of unsightly structures and debris, and will pave the way for a parking area with landscaping and lighting upgrades. This concept plan has been shared with City and township officials.

This interconnected design approach would facilitate a new community gathering spot, provide up to 40 additional parking opportunities and improve motorists' access, emergency access and storm water drainage for the area. Centerville enthusiastically endorsed the concept plan; however, as of press time in mid-August, Washington Township was still unwilling to permit motor vehicle interconnectivity with the Town Hall parking area.



The future site of Dewey's Pizza on N. Main St.

Dewey's Pizza owners are now approaching Washington Township Trustees directly to resolve the issue as the City has been unsuccessful in obtaining township cooperation for interconnecting Dewey's Pizza's proposed parking and access drives with Town Hall's rear drive and parking areas.

Centerville maintains the public parking lot located behind Panera and the numerous other businesses on West Franklin Street, and the township owns the parking area behind Town Hall. In addition to the interconnected drive, the original improvement plan included clearing rear property areas, new landscaping and lighting, which was part of an overall revised parking, ingress and egress plan that was approved in 2004.

According to Steve Feverston, Centerville City Planner, the continued development of the parking area and interconnectivity of the plan is vital for downtown. "The current Dewey's Pizza proposal will increase the available spaces to about 130 and provide customers critical access to West Franklin Street in an area that is bustling with activity," he said. "All of our downtown merchants and their customers as well as our visitors will benefit from this continued redevelopment effort."

Remembering those who served > Local veterans to be honored November 11

The City's Veterans Day ceremony is 11 a.m., Sunday, November 11 at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road.

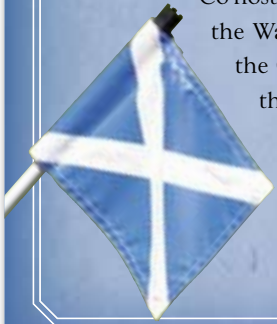
The Centerville Library hosts a veterans' exhibit during library hours, November 9–11. Immediately following the Veterans Day ceremony until 5 p.m., the library hosts an open house for veterans and their families.



Celebrate A Day in Scotland

Learn about Scottish culture and history, clans and tartans, sample some Haggis and enjoy traditional folk dancing and music at A Day in Scotland, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, September 8, at the Centerville Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Road.

Co-hosted by the Centerville Arts Commission, the Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, this free family event is presented with assistance by the St. Andrew's Society of Dayton and the Miami Valley Pipes and Drums. For more information, visit wclibrary.info or call 433-8091.



Historical Society membership has privileges

Join the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society and learn more about our community's rich history from the experts. Membership includes advance ticket purchases for events such as the annual luncheon, monthly newsletters, monthly speaker program and other special events. Memberships start as low as \$25. For information, stop by the historical society, 89 W. Franklin St., call 433-0123 or visit centervilleohio.gov and click on Links.

Benham's Grove is perfect choice for fall events

Fall is the perfect time to host an event at Benham's Grove. While summer is coming to an end, good weather typically continues through October, and the grounds of Benham's Grove are vibrant with fall colors. A number of weekdays and a few Fridays and Sundays are still available for weddings, receptions, meetings, company picnics as well as birthday, anniversary and Halloween parties! For more information or to schedule a tour of Benham's Grove, call 433-1913 or visit benhamsgrove.com.

Americana Festival looking for new volunteers

The 2012 Americana Festival was a huge success, thanks in large part to more than 100 enthusiastic volunteers. Get involved in Ohio's largest one-day festival and join a great team of volunteers by contacting the Americana Festival office, 433-5898 or email info@americanafestival.com.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS TO SHOW WORK

Reception to be held for winning photographers

The Centerville Arts Commission and the Washington-Centerville Public Library in August hosted a free digital photography competition called Beyond Point and Shoot in. Entries can be viewed on the library's website beginning September 12 at



Last year's People's Choice winner, "Saying Goodbye."

wclibrary.info/photocontest. Four categories were available: People, Places, Locally Taken (Centerville and Washington Township), and Black and White, with two age categories: Youth (17 and younger) and Adult (18 and older). People's Choice voting runs September 12–18.

Photographers Jerry Huffman, Gary Kunze and Kera Estep (also an Arts Commissioner) will judge entries using the following criteria: use of lighting, use of color or contrast, creativity and perspective/framing. In addition, an online contest for People's Choice will be on the Library's website September 13–20.

A winner's reception is set for 2:30–3:30 p.m., Sunday, October 28, at the Centerville Police Department Art Gallery, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Awards will be given at 3 p.m. All winning photographs will be on exhibit there through December 31.

Winning entries will be specially prepared for the exhibit by Gary Kunze of Creation Source Images and given as prizes. First place photos, including People's Choice, will be framed and on the gallery's walls. Second place photos will be matted and shown in the gallery's display case.

The Art Gallery is open 24 hours a day and exhibits may be viewed anytime day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Buy fresh, keep it local

Abundance of delicious foods at Farmers Market

Bring your shopping list to the Farmers Market, 2:30–6:30 p.m., each Thursday through the end of October. Located near the intersection of St. Rt. 48 and Spring Valley Road, pick up local products like fresh vegetables and fruits, organic



meats including beef, pork, chicken, turkey and lamb, farm fresh eggs, farmstead cheese, bedding plants, garden plants, fresh-cut flowers, fresh-baked bread, artisan breads, honey, jams and jellies, and much more!

Visit centervillefarmersmarket.com and the Facebook page for updates.



Centerville Arts Gallery *features Ron Rollins*

The Centerville Arts Commission hosts an exhibit by Ron Rollins in the Art Gallery at the Centerville Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. The exhibit will be available for viewing through October.

Painting for a decade, in recent years Rollins has been working primarily in a loose, colorful abstract style after the Abstract Expressionist artists of the 1950s and '60s that he most admires—Hans Hoffman and Joan Mitchell, amongst others. The paintings are acrylic and pastel on canvas. Rollins is associate editor at the Dayton Daily News and Cox Media Group Ohio.

The Centerville Art Gallery is staffed 24 hours a day and exhibits may be viewed anytime, day or night. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Exhibits are rotated monthly and coordinated through the Centerville Arts Commission.

OWLEXANDER'S Wetland Walk GRAND OPENING

Join Owlexander, the Centerville-Washington Park District mascot, and his friend Wally the Water Drop, at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 29 for the grand opening of the second nature literature trail. Owlexander and Wally teach about life at the Oak Creek South Park wetland, soil, flowers, birds, water, animals and more. Targeted to upper elementary aged children, the Wetland Walk is fun and educational for all. The grand opening includes a short dedication, refreshments and door prizes. Owlexander's Wetland Walk is a permanent trail at Oak Creek South Park made possible through a partnership between the Centerville-Washington Park District and Washington-Centerville Public Library. The trail is fully funded by the William & Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation.

Hithergreen Center celebrates 30 years of services

Hithergreen Center is celebrating its 30th year of enriching the lives of older adults in our community and recognizing the milestone with several upcoming special events.

- **SPAGHETTI DINNER, 5 P.M., SEPT. 28:** Enjoy great food, dynamic entertainment by the Centerville Community Band and door prizes. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- **FALL WELLNESS FAIR, 9 A.M.–NOON, OCT. 3:** Screenings and exhibits from more than 30 healthcare providers are offered, and flu shots are available. The event is free and open to the public.
- **2013 HITHERGREEN TRAVEL PREVIEW, 2 P.M., OCT. 24:** Get a peek at an exciting array of one-day and extended trips.
- **HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPE AND BAKE SALE, NOV. 1:** This fundraiser is a shopper's paradise for handmade arts and crafts, holiday collectibles, gift baskets and tasty delicacies.
- **FALL FEAST, 11:30 A.M., NOV. 16:** Mile-high meatloaf will be served prior to a show by Jack Garrett, whose voice brings back memories of Ol' Blue Eyes. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- **MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY, 11:30 A.M., DEC. 7:** Enjoy entertainment by the Hithergreen Singers and Ringers at the NCR Country Club.

For information about Hithergreen Center, call 435-2415 or visit hithergreen.org.



Friends gather at the Hithergreen Center Christmas party.

Heavenly music from Harps of Grace Group to perform free concert

The Centerville Arts Commission presents Harps of Grace, performing a free show at 4 p.m., Sunday, November 4, in the Central Theater at Centerville High School, 500 E. Franklin Street.

Under the leadership of Dayton Philharmonic harpist Leslie Stratton Norris, Harps of Grace's wide selection includes classical, religious standards, familiar classics, popular songs and jazz music. The harpists are an eclectic group, including a retired teacher, a retired music professor, a computer specialist, a homemaker, and a college student.



Give the gift of golf

Golf lessons are the perfect gift—for the experienced, novice or junior golfer. Save time and order a Yankee Trace gift card online at yankeetrace.org. Gift cards may be redeemed for golf lessons, green fees, golf merchandise, and food and beverages.

Yankee Trace unveils new website

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace website, yankeetrace.org has a new look. The new website offers the same features, including online gift card purchases and tee time reservations with an easy to use design. Look for new features like an interactive calendar, updated photo gallery, and Find-A-Game reservation tool. Green fees are seasonal—for current rates visit yankeetrace.org. Reservations may be made seven days in advance by calling the golf shop, 438-GOLF, or ten days in advance online.

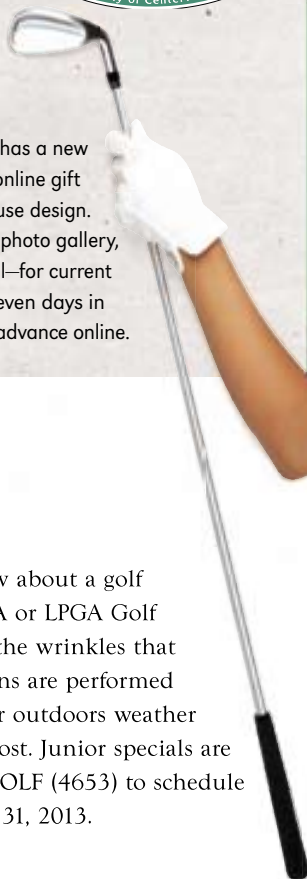
Improve your game with half-price lessons

If your game didn't meet your expectations this year, how about a golf lesson or two at a great price from one of our on-site PGA or LPGA Golf Professionals. The off-season is an ideal time to iron out the wrinkles that keep you from reaching your full golfing potential. Lessons are performed in the indoor driving range during inclement weather or outdoors weather permitting. Video analysis is provided at no additional cost. Junior specials are also available throughout the fall and winter. Call 438-GOLF (4653) to schedule your game improvement lesson. This offer expires March 31, 2013.

Raindrops: Keep falling in our ponds

Going days without rain can mean high water bills for golf courses. After all, the greens are called that for a reason. However since The Golf Club at Yankee Trace was specifically designed to rely on rainwater—30 million gallons to be exact—to irrigate more than 268 acres of land that make up the golf course, Mother Nature does the best job of watering. But when she's not willing to give up some rain, irrigation has to kick in. According to Terry Taylor, golf course superintendent at Yankee Trace, although the early summer drought conditions were the worst he's seen in his 18 years at Yankee Trace, the ponds continue to take care of the course. Yankee Trace's 12 ponds serve as holding tanks for water; however, the lack of rain this summer has been particularly challenging, as it takes 500,000 to 650,000 gallons of water to irrigate for one day. As of press time in mid-August, the largest rainfall Yankee Trace experienced this summer was on June 10, when it received just .8 inches of the wet stuff. However, the maintenance staff has a few backup plans. To conserve water, Taylor says his crews irrigate the greens, fairways, tees and other areas as needed and use wetting agents that help water penetrate into the soil, instead of running off.

Taylor says the course has rarely been in a critical situation for water. "We've been really fortunate. When the ponds start looking low, somehow we end up getting rain." Taylor also points out that the irrigation system is designed so that water can be moved from one pond to another.



Yankee Trace restaurant serves up delicious dishes

Whether it's lunch, brunch, or a Friday night fish fry, Yankee Trace restaurant offers delicious fare for your family with a variety of entrees, sides and desserts in a friendly atmosphere. And with Thanksgiving just a couple months away, your family dinner plans are just a reservation away. For more information call 438-3585 or visit yankeetrace.org.

Fish Fry & Full Dinner Service

September 14–November 16

Every Friday, 5–9 p.m. Enjoy all the beer-battered haddock you can eat, French fries and Yankee Trace's famous coleslaw for \$12.95.

Reservations recommended, call 438-3585.

Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, November 22

Two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$24.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 6–12, children five and under eat free. Reservations required, call 438-3585.

YANKEE TRACE RESTAURANT HOURS

SUNDAY BRUNCH, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.

COUNTER SERVICE ONLY
AFTER 3 P.M. MONDAY–SATURDAY
AFTER 2 P.M. SUNDAY

MENU SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 1–NOVEMBER 12
MON–SATURDAY, 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

NOVEMBER 13–DECEMBER 31
MON–SATURDAY, 11 A.M.–2 P.M.

League offers juniors chance to play with pros

Great for avid junior golfers, the fall golf league is offered 4–7 p.m. on four consecutive Thursdays, October 4–25. Juniors will improve their game in a fun and educational atmosphere by playing with their peers and receiving on-course supervision from Yankee Trace pros Matt Dulli and Chris Bergman. Call 438-GOLF for details.

Keep drains clear

It's good for the environment and it's the law

Given this summer's hot, dry weather it's easy to lose sight of storm water drainage concerns. It is, however, still important to stay vigilant about properly maintaining creeks, streams and ditches that may flow through your property. Nothing—grass clippings, yard debris, paint, oil or anything else—should ever be dumped in an open drainage way or in a storm sewer. Laws prohibit this, and violators may be prosecuted. The Ohio EPA has established guidelines regarding illegal dumping in storm water drainage systems. More information is available on the Ohio EPA website, epa.state.oh.us or the City's website, centervilleohio.gov.

Questions regarding Ohio EPA regulations, individual drainage concerns, or to report illegal dumping may be directed to Public Works at publicworks@centervilleohio.gov or by calling 428-4782.

Street program wraps up



Street Inspector CJ Thrower checks progress.

The annual street program is wrapping up with completion of most work occurring in August. Work on Fenway Court will carry over into early fall. Also planned is the repair and resurfacing of East Spring Valley Road from South Main Street to Atchison Road. This

project's start date is contingent upon Montgomery County Environmental Services. Grant funding has been received for this improvement.

ODOT's project to mill and resurface State Route 48/Far Hills Avenue from I-675 northward into Kettering should be completed by the end of September. Traffic will be maintained during these improvements. Questions regarding these improvement projects may be directed to Public Works, 428-4782.

Dead trees should be removed



The last two years of wet springs, drought, disease and hot weather have caused numerous trees to die and decay, becoming unsightly or dangerous as limbs may fall during stormy weather injuring persons or property. If a dead tree falls on your house, your insurance company may not pay the claim.

Centerville Property Maintenance Code Section 302.16 requires all trees which are dead, afflicted with decay, disease or otherwise considered dangerous to persons or property be removed or appropriately treated.

Trees may be a part of the required landscape plan for your business, apartment or condo association. Contact the Planning Office, 433-7151 to review your plan.



Be a top motorist

Understand school zone signs

School zones are an important part of the traffic control system in helping keep children safe; however these signs are often misunderstood. Here's a quick guide for school zone signs.

- ▶ The five-sided, florescent yellow sign (shown) showing people walking is meant to warn motorists that either they are approaching a school zone or there is a school crossing.
- ▶ The sign with the 'AHEAD' plate added tells motorists they are approaching a school zone.
- ▶ The sign with a diagonal down arrow details the locations where children cross the street.

Per the Ohio Revised Code, the speed limit is "20 miles per hour in school zones during school recess and while children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours." Signs are typically posted at the limits of school zones to remind the motorist of this speed limit. These signs may detail time periods when the speed reduction is in effect, there may be flashing lights while the speed reduction is in effect, or a 'during restricted hours' plate may be present. This sign may cause confusion. The responsibility to adjust speed falls on the motorist to recognize when children are going to and from school. Signs with the time posted or with flashing lights are added information to assist the motorist.

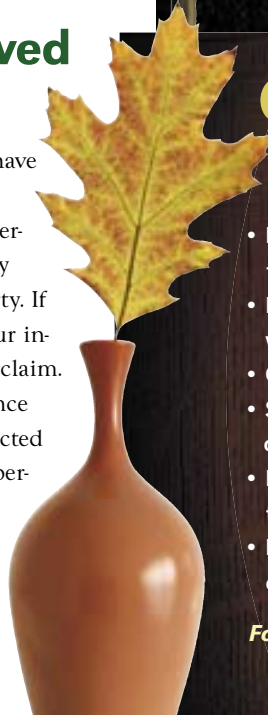
The safety of our children is of highest priority, so slow down around schools and in areas where children walk to and from school. When in doubt about whether you are in a school zone, it's a good idea to slow down to stay safe.

Get your yard ready for fall

The City Beautiful Commission offers these tips for winterizing your landscape:

- Place your raked leaves around trees/beds to breakdown as compost
- Place leaves in vegetable gardens to breakdown over the winter to be worked into the garden the following spring
- Cut down decorative grasses to almost ground level
- Spread mulch over area to protect the grass's root system during the cold weather
- Leaves and grass clippings make wonderful compost to enrich your soil over time
- Mound mulch around the base of roses to protect their delicate root systems (Cut roses back in the spring.)

For more tips visit the 'Yard and Garden' tab at ohioline.osu.edu.



Drug drop-off box located in Police building

The Centerville Police Department has installed a locked box to accept unwanted pharmaceuticals. The box, provided through a grant from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, is located in the Police Department lobby, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. Citizens may drop pills and patches in the box, however, liquids and needles are not accepted. The Police Department's lobby is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Law enforcement is the only entity legally able to accept these medications and process them properly. The Police Department will destroy the drugs as part of regular operations.



Recreational fires may add ambiance, but use caution

Before planning that end of summer barbeque, review these safety precautions:

- ▶ Contact your neighbors before having a recreational fire. Recreational fires may be offensive to others, particularly those with breathing conditions. If there is a complaint, and the recreational fire is deemed offensive, you must extinguish the fire.
- ▶ It takes at least 24 hours for coals to cool. Once the coals are cooled, bagged and ready for disposal, keep them away from any combustible structures. Hot coals can ignite the bag.
- ▶ Bonfires are prohibited in Centerville/Washington Twp.
- ▶ Ohio has adopted a fire code that prohibits the operation of a charcoal burner, or other open-flame cooking devices, on combustible decks and balconies on multi-family structures larger than a duplex. With the exception of a one-pound propane tank, propane gas and charcoal grills cannot be used within 10 feet of any combustible structure such as walls, decks and wood fencing. The Ohio Fire Code does not prevent the use of cooking devices on the decks of one, two or three-family dwellings.

Ohio Fire Code states that the recreational fire must be...

- no larger than 2 feet in width and 2 feet in height
- used only for cooking
- burning well-seasoned wood. Recreational fires are not designed to remove yard waste.
- located at least 25 feet from any structure, including wood or vinyl fences
- contained within a pit, fire ring or commercial fire pit
- attended to by someone 18 years or older with a fire extinguisher, garden hose, or buckets of water close by

For more information, contact the Washington Township Fire Department, 433-3083 or washingtontwp.org/fire.

Keep safety a priority

Opened windows and doors, bikes in the yard and unlocked cars are all signs of summer. As we welcome cooler weather, get in the habit of following these safety tips from the Centerville Police Department:

- Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about items being stolen from the garage.
- Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.
- Check behind your vehicle before backing out of the garage or driveway.
- Inspect the backseat—make sure all children are safely out of the car.
- Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.
- Lock your car, no matter where it's parked.
- Schools are open—watch for children.
- Call the Police, 433-7661 or 9-1-1 in an emergency any time day or night to report suspicious activity.



BEGGAR'S NIGHT Tuesday, October 30

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door 6–8 p.m. on Beggars Night, Tuesday, Oct. 30. The Centerville Police Department reminds residents of the following precautions:

DON'T

- ∞ Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking
- ∞ Go into a home of someone you do not know
- ∞ Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult

DO

- ∞ Carry a flashlight
- ∞ Go in groups with at least one adult
- ∞ Go to houses with the lights on
- ∞ Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping
- ∞ Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.

Some home maintenance reminders: have a clear path for visitors, trim low hanging branches, and move flowerpots or anything else that might cause someone to trip or fall.

Children may stop at any Centerville Police cruiser or Washington Township Fire truck for a special treat, courtesy of the Centerville Lions Club. For more information call Centerville City Offices, 433-7151.

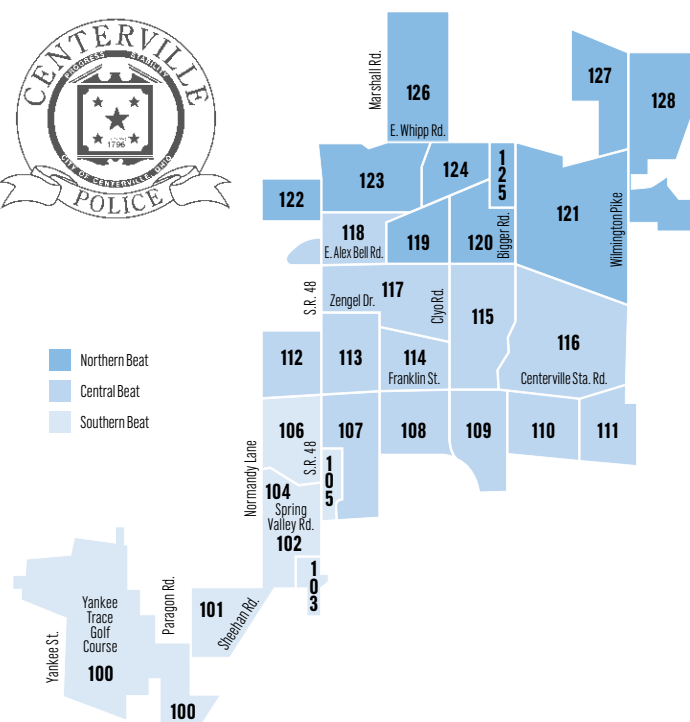


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| RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS BURGLARIES | | | | | | |
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Residential & Business Crime Statistics

Statistic Totals: May-July 2012



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Sgt. Scott Owsley, Lt. Matt Brown and Officer John Davis welcomed nearly 1000 citizens to the Centerville Police Department's Open House in August. The event, part of National Night Out Against Crime, included exhibits, fingerprinting, games, Care Flight, food and a chance to get a behind the scenes tour of the Police Department.

May 21, 2012

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Rev. Ruth Hopkins of Cross Creek Community Church to present the invocation. Following, Cub Scouts from Den 7, Pack 148 of Primary Village South, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council accepted resignations from City Beautiful Commission members Carol Farquhar and Kim Engelman. Each was thanked for her service.



Centerville High School Varsity Cheerleaders were recognized during the May Council meeting for winning the state cheer championship.

Recognitions:

Centerville Police Officer Matt Dunn was recognized for being named Crime Prevention Officer of the Year for Ohio.

Winners of the Farmers Market Poster Contest were announced by the Centerville Arts Commission. Overall winner was Chris Kang, a seventh grader. Additional winners were Grade 8: Kaitlin Gossett, Dominique Foreman and Robbie Hickey. Grade 7: Sophia Yang and Stephen Nehrbass. Grade 6: Jack Salyers, Kate Vickery and Alley Marchant. All the students attend Tower Heights Middle School. Art teacher Ashleigh Coleman helped coordinate the contest.

Presentations:

Jack Lohbeck, Centerville Washington Foundation board member, presented highlights from the organization's annual report.

Centerville High School Swim Team members Josh Brooks, Jake Carlsen, Brian Clark and Sam Mitchell, along with Head Coach John Nemeth, were recognized for winning the state championship in the freestyle relay.

Eagle Scouts Joshua Turich and Nathaniel Kinsella were recognized for their scouting achievements.



Dr. Michael Krumnauer, DDS (center) received the Preservation Award from the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) in recognition of his restoration of his business located at 44 South Main St. Presenting the award are BAR members (from left) Frank Holloway, Amy Korenyi—Both, Mayor Mark Kingseed and Brad Thorp (far right) at the June Council meeting.

June 18, 2012

Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton invited Council member Jim Singer to present the invocation.

Council accepted the resignation of Bill Burns from the Arts Commission and thanked him for his service.

Council was notified that Mr. Walt Minch formally requested that the rezoning of 63.939 acres bordered by Paragon/Social Row/Sheehan roads be tabled until the July 16, 2012 council meeting.

Presentations:

Centerville High School art students Mackenzie Russo, Chip Jeckering and Shannon Williams were recognized for creating artwork for City facilities.

Wright State graduate students Chris Martin and Jackie Schroeder, were recognized for their research on Joint Economic Development Districts.

Eagle Scout Peter Gordnier was recognized for his scouting achievements.

Girl Scouts Katie Stemmer, Maggie Stacey and Emilia Zywoot were recognized for achieving the highest award in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award.

Mike Spafford, City of Centerville management intern, was introduced.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission board member, recognized the June Summer Landscape Award winners. (See complete list of winners on page 2.)

Board/Commission Appointments:

- Sue Butler was reappointed to the Arts Commission.
- Paul Clark was reappointed as Chairman to the Planning Commission.
- Dan Carfagno was reappointed as Chairman to the Property Review Commission.

July 16, 2012

Mayor Kingseed welcomed Bishop Brian Zimmerman, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to present the invocation.

Tom Bankston took the oath of office as an Arts Commission member.

Youth groups from Centerville Community Church and The Gathering Church were recognized for the community service work during Love Your City Day. Jason Aldridge, Junior High leader at Centerville Community Church, accepted the certificate.



Students from Centerville High School's Destination Imagination team along with their coaches were recognized at the July Council meeting for winning first place honors at the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. Mayor Mark Kingseed (far right) congratulates Shannon Johnston, Alexis Spencer, coach Barb Proehl, Greg Feingold, coach Ken Proehl, Lyndi Vinson, Alex Johnson and Derek Schulte. Unable to attend the meeting was team member Chloe Gessner.

Members of MorningStar Baptist Church, along with Gail Wise, outreach director, and Dr. Mark Simpson, pastor, were recognized for their cleanup efforts for the City.

Jan Prettyman, City Beautiful Commission board member, recognized the July Summer Landscape Award winners. (See complete list of winners on page 2.)

► Serve your community

The City has openings on the following Council-appointed boards or commissions: Centerville Arts Commission, City Beautiful Commission, Sister City Committee, and the Board of Architectural Review. For more information or an application, contact Debbie James at 433-7151, or djames@centervilleohio.gov or go to centervilleohio.gov and click on Departments, then Volunteer Opportunities.



Mayor's Message from Mark Kingseed

I am writing this in mid-August, and the heat has finally broken (at least temporarily). Those who have school-age children are getting ready for another school year, sports fans are hoping that this might be THE year for the Reds, Bengals (or who knows, maybe even the Browns), and everyone is regretfully contemplating the end of vacation season.

Those of us who serve in elective office in your local government have the same concerns as any family, but we also have been grappling with how, in a time of significant state funding cuts, we can encourage reasonable growth and progress, protect our neighborhoods, and maintain services, all while not raising taxes. Sometimes it feels like we are conducting a complicated juggling act while simultaneously walking a tight rope far above the crowds. It can be stressful, but then we all volunteered for the job and it certainly is stimulating!

As you probably already know, the City is involved with two local controversies on opposite ends of Centerville. Both disputes arose from Council's efforts to accommodate and promote reasonable growth.

The developer of the former Dille property east of Wilmington Pike has recently filed suit to detach the land from the City. The developer took this step because we will not provide what the City deems to be excessive amounts of tax money to support the private development. The developer apparently thinks Sugarcreek Township will provide the tax dollars, not require the developer to make the required public road improvements, and be more lenient in terms of quality controls and in permitting large numbers of apartments on the property. This lawsuit won't be resolved for years. We will do what we need to do to protect Centerville taxpayers and the significant investment of time and resources we have expended to date.

Meanwhile on the southwestern edge of the City, some Washington Township and Yankee Trace residents have objected to Council's recent rezoning of 64 acres of vacant land to allow for a residential development which includes limited amounts of office and small scale neighborhood retail establishments along Social Row Road (scheduled to be a five-lane highway). Those who oppose the rezoning are hoping voters will reverse the rezoning decision, via referendum. By the time you read this, you will know whether they succeeded in putting the issue on the ballot. If it is, you will hear the pros and cons of the Social Row rezoning later, but at this point I thought it might be useful to explain generally how the Council makes rezoning decisions.

Every property in the City is zoned for particular types of uses. The original zoning is set based on market conditions and the City's general long-term development goals. Zoning is not "set in stone"—sometimes changes in market conditions or surrounding development make the original zoning no longer practical or economically feasible.

The City cannot legally take the position that once a property is

zoned a certain way, the zoning can never be revised. This is because the federal and state constitutions provide that a property owner has a legal right to develop his or her land and to make a reasonable return on the investment. If zoning is so restrictive that a reasonable return is not (or no longer) possible, under the constitution, this constitutes a "taking" and the City would be required to purchase the land at fair market value (using taxpayer dollars, of course).

Centerville has a rigorous series of steps a property owner must follow to successfully rezone land. The request first goes to the Planning Commission (made up of citizen volunteers appointed by Council) and supported by the City's full-time professional planning staff. The Staff and Planning Commission review the request and apply the criteria set out in the Municipal Code and the constitution. The Planning Commission conducts public hearings after notifying all property owners within 500 feet of the property. Frequently, public comments or encouragement from Planning Commission or Staff results in the owner modifying the rezoning request.

If the Planning Commission recommends for approval, the request then goes to City Council which also conducts public meetings to take input, gets advice from City staff, and then makes an independent decision on whether rezoning should be granted.

Once the property is rezoned, the review process is far from over. The owner or developer then has to provide very detailed development plans to the Planning Commission and Staff, laying out all the specifics as to building design and configuration, appearances, landscaping, road construction, buffering and so on. The Planning Commission conducts public meetings on the specific plans. If the Planning Commission recommends approval of the development plans, the matter then goes before Council for another public hearing and independent review.

Centerville development rules give the City government great flexibility and oversight. Council can mandate the developer carefully screen any new development with grass mounds and/or trees, and that any structures are visually appealing and fit in with the surrounding neighborhood. For example, in the Social Row case, even though the rezoning would permit limited amounts of retail on the property, any such establishments would be small scale "neighborhood retail" businesses. There will be no strip malls, large retail establishments, multi-story apartment complexes or anything else which would detract from the general look and feel of the surrounding area. The rezoned property will still be predominately residential and any non-residential components will be heavily landscaped, visually appealing and unobtrusive in size.

Using the Social Row rezoning as an example, Staff, Planning Commission and Council have spent hundreds of hours analyzing the proposed rezoning. All of us take our responsibilities very seriously. Our goal is to foster responsible growth, provide the services you need, and maintain our 30-year record of not raising your income taxes.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

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City offices and waste collection will maintain a regular schedule on Columbus Day, October 8.

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